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In re Application of

E. MANDERSON

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: Examiner: J. Swiger III.

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For: SURGICAL INTRAMEDULLARY IMPLANT WITH IMPROVED LOCKING FOR

FIXATION OF FRACTURED BONE SEGMENTS

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 29, 2006

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Official Action dated May 11, 2006, the time for response to which is up to and including August 11, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments

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